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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

This constitutes an Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98. The documents listed on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08 are hereby brought to the Examiner's attention in the patent application identified above.

REMARKS

Cite Nos. F1 through F4, as listed under "Foreign Patent Documents" on Form PTO/SB/08, were cited in the International Search Report for PCT/JP2005/000426, of which the above-identified patent application was the National Stage. All of these references are not in English.

The remaining two references presently being submitted, Cite Nos. O1 and O2, as listed under "Non-Patent Literature Documents" on Form PTO/SB/08, are also not in English.

Concise Explanation of Relevance/Copy of Translation
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3)

As a concise explanation of the relevance of Cite Nos. F1 through F4, a copy of the International Search Report in English accompanies this paper.

Cite No. O1 is discussed under "Background Art" in the present specification, in paragraphs [0006] through [0009], and Cite No. O2 is mentioned parenthetically in paragraph [0038] of the description.

In addition, English translations in full of Cite Nos. O1 and O2 have been made available to Applicants' undersigned representative and accordingly are being submitted herewith, attached to the back of the respective reference.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider these references, to indicate so on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08, and to make the document of record in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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